IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION

MICHAEL COREY JENKINS, et al.

PLAINTIFFS

v.

CAUSE NO. 3:23cv374-DPJ-ASH

RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, et al.

DEFENDANTS

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT IN SUPPORT OF [35] RENEWED MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS PREMISED, IN PART, ON QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

NOW COME Defendants, Rankin County, Mississippi and Sheriff Bryan Bailey, by and through counsel, and move this Court for leave to file a supplement exhibit in support of their renewed Rule 12(c) motion by stating as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs' [28] Amended Complaint alleges the following:
- 73. On July 26, 2021, Defendant ELWARD was involved in the subduing of an unarmed Damien Cameron. Cameron died after being restrained by defendant Elward and another Rankin County deputy by the name of Luke Stickman.
- 74. In an affidavit dated April 13, 2023, Monica Lee, Cameron's mother and a witness to the occurrence, indicated that Stickman and defendant ELWARD choked Cameron to death by placing a knee across the back of his neck, long after Cameron was completely immobilized. Cameron's last words to ELWARD and Stickman were that he *could not breathe* (Lee v. RANKIN COUNTY Circuit Court for Rankin County, Cause No. 2022-073).
- 75. Despite actual and constructive notice of the above facts, Defendant RANKIN COUNTY failed to create new policies to correct such conduct; failed to create a police review board; failed to undertake any re-training of defendant ELWARD, failed to conduct an administrative review of the encounter to assure that it was consistent with its use of force policies, and failed to take any meaningful action of any kind to protect the citizens of Rankin County from unconstitutional misconduct by the law enforcement officers it employs.

Id., ¶¶ 73-75.

2. On May 14, 2024, in the cause of action styled *Lee v. Rankin County* and bearing

cause number 2022-073, the Circuit Court of Rankin County found that neither Hunter

Elward nor Luke Stickman violated Damien Cameron's constitutional rights, and further

found "that Lee's affidavit is so inconsistent with her prior deposition that it constitutes an

obvious sham." Lee v. Rankin County, No. 22-073, pg. 3 (Rankin Co. Circuit May 14, 2024)

(citing Seigler v. Wal-Mart Stores Tex., L.L.C., 30 F.4th 472, 477 (5th Cir. 2022)).

3. Both the *Lee v. Rankin County* cause of action and the Lee affidavit are at issue

in Plaintiffs' instant [28] Amended Complaint and Plaintiffs' counsel are aware of the

proceedings, as they are counsel of record for Monica Lee.

4. For these reasons, Rankin County and Sheriff Bailey respectfully request that

they be granted leave to file the Order Granting Summary Judgment attached as

Supplemental Exhibit 1 in support of their [35] Renewed Motion for Judgment on the

Pleadings Premised, in part, on Qualified Immunity.

5. Due to the simple and straight-forward nature of the instant motion, these

Defendants request to be relieved of any obligation to file an accompanying Memorandum

of Authorities.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 17th day of May, 2024.

RANKIN COUNTY & SHERIFF BRYAN BAILEY -

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